



**House Bill No. 6815**

**Public Act No. 05-267**

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 29-17a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(a) If a criminal history records check is required pursuant to any provision of the general statutes, such check shall be requested from the State Police Bureau of Identification and shall be applicable to the individual identified in the request. The requesting party shall arrange for the fingerprinting of the individual or for conducting any other method of positive identification required by the State Police Bureau of Identification and, if a national criminal history records check is requested, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The fingerprints or other positive identifying information shall be forwarded to the State Police Bureau of Identification which shall conduct a state criminal history records check. If a national criminal history records check is requested, the State Police Bureau of Identification shall submit the fingerprints or other positive identifying information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check, unless the Federal Bureau of Investigation permits direct submission of the fingerprints or other positive identifying information by the

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requesting party.

(b) The Commissioner of Public Safety may charge fees for conducting criminal history background checks as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for a person requesting (A) a state criminal history records check, the fee charged by the Department of Public Safety for performing such check, and (B) a national criminal history records check, the fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for performing such check.

(2) For a state agency requesting a national criminal history records check of a person, the fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for performing such check. The state agency shall reimburse the Department of Public Safety for such cost. Unless otherwise provided by the provision of the general statutes requiring the criminal history records check, the state agency may charge the person a fee equal to the amount paid by the state agency under this subdivision.

(c) The Commissioner of Public Safety may provide an expedited service for persons requesting criminal history records checks in accordance with this section. Such expedited service shall include making the results of such records checks available to the requesting party through the Internet. The commissioner may enter into a contract with any person, firm or corporation to establish and administer such expedited service. The commissioner shall charge, in addition to the fees charged pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, a fee of twenty-five dollars for each expedited criminal history record check provided. The fee charged pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the expedited service fee charged pursuant to this subsection shall be paid by the requesting party in such manner as may be required by the commissioner.

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